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**TENNESSEE DRUG DEALER SENTENCED TO 9 YEARS FOR DISTRIBUTING
METHAMPHETAMINE AND MARIJUANA**

– Street value of drugs \$554,000

David L. Huber, United States Attorney for the Western District of Kentucky, announced today that **ROBERT E. BLYTHE**, age 52, of 7424 Harrow Drive, Nashville, Tennessee, **was sentenced** in United States District Court, Owensboro, Kentucky, for conspiracy to possess with intent to distribute methamphetamine and marijuana, and possession with intent to distribute and distribution of methamphetamine and marijuana.

Joseph H. McKinley, Jr., Judge, United States District Court, sentenced **Blythe** to 9 years, plus 5 years supervised release following incarceration. **There is no parole in the federal judicial system.**

Blythe pled guilty and admitted that between January 2000 and February 2004, in Henderson County, Kentucky, and elsewhere, including at his home in Nashville, Tennessee, he conspired with several other persons to distribute between 5 and 15 kilograms of methamphetamine, worth at least \$550,000 on the street, in and around the Henderson, Kentucky area. **Blythe** also admitted that on February 17, 2004, in Henderson County, Kentucky, he sold 433.8 grams (approximately 1 pound) of marijuana, worth approximately \$4,000 on the street, to a person who was working for the DEA

at the time the marijuana was sold. **Blythe** also admitted that four days later, on February 21, 2004, he sold 82.2 grams (approximately 3 ounces) of methamphetamine to the DEA, worth approximately \$9,000 on the street.

The case was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Philip C. Chance, and it was investigated by the Drug Enforcement Administration and the Kentucky State Police.

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